

Warren-Newport Public Library District

Lake County, Illinois

Board of Trustees

Policy 3023

Fines and Fees

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ARTICLE 1. FINES FOR OVERDUE MATERIALS

Section 1.01 Fines

Adult feature film DVD/Blu-ray	\$1.00 per day
Juvenile fiction DVD/Blu-ray	\$1.00 per day
Television series DVD/Blu-ray	\$1.00 per day
Video games	\$1.00 per day
Hot Picks books and Hot Flicks DVD/Blu-ray	\$1.00 per day
Telescopes	\$1.00 per day
PlayAway Views	\$1.00 per day
Book Club Kit	\$0.20 per day per book
All other print and AV materials	\$0.20 per day
Umbrella	No fine

Fines are not charged on days that the Library is closed. The maximum fine per item is \$10.00. Items circulated on the bookmobile are not subject to overdue fines.

Section 1.02 Exemptions from Fines

Warren-Newport Public Library District (WNPLD) volunteers and staff are exempt from fines. Cardholders who were classified as seniors prior to April 17, 2012, remain exempt from fines. Pursuant to statute, Trustees serve without compensation; therefore, they are not eligible for exemption from fines (75 ILCS 16/30-30).

ARTICLE 2. FEES FOR REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF MATERIALS

Section 2.01 Damaged or Lost Materials

The charge for a lost or badly damaged item will be the replacement cost plus a nonrefundable \$5.00 processing fee. The replacement cost of library materials is obtained from the bibliographic record. If the price of the item cannot be determined from the bibliographic record, an average replacement cost for the lost or overdue item will be determined by the Library staff. If the staff cannot determine an average replacement cost, a flat replacement cost of \$15.00 will

be charged. Replacement cost for the loss or damage of an accessory will be determined by Library staff.

Section 2.02 Refunds

Refunds will be granted for the cost of lost materials if returned in good condition within six (6) months of the billing date. A refund check will be mailed from the WNPLD Administrative Office within four to six weeks. WNPLD staff will not make refunds in the Library.

Section 2.03 Long-Overdue Items

When an item is overdue more than six (6) months, the replacement cost plus a \$5.00 processing fee will be billed to the patron's account and the item's record will be updated to show the item has been withdrawn from the collection.

ARTICLE 3. FEES FOR LIBRARY CARDS

Library card for new patrons..... No charge
Replacement of lost or damaged library card\$1.00 per card

ARTICLE 4. FEES FOR COPYING AND PRINTING

B&W photocopies, computer printouts\$0.15 per page
Color photocopies\$0.50 per page

ARTICLE 5. FEES FOR USING THE PUBLIC FAX MACHINE

Fees for using the public fax machine are set by the fax machine vendor and are subject to change.

ARTICLE 6. BLOCKED PATRON STATUS

A patron is blocked from checkout when any of the following conditions exist and may not check out any additional materials.

Total of overdue fines\$10.00
Total number of items checked outFifty (50)

ARTICLE 7. CLAIMS RETURNED

The Library will accept a patron's claim that materials have been returned for up to three (3) items. On the fourth and all subsequent times that a patron claims an item has been returned, the patron shall be liable for the cost of replacement of the item. All items claimed returned will remain noted on the patron's record for as long as the patron is registered with the Library District. No item can be claimed returned after it is billed and assumed lost.

ARTICLE 8. FEES FOR RECOVERY AND COLLECTION SERVICES

Submission of overdue/missing materials to materials recovery service..... \$10.00 per submission

Collection agency fees are nonrefundable.

ARTICLE 9. FEE FOR RETURNED CHECK

Fee for check returned from the bankFee charged by the bank

ARTICLE 10. FEES FOR INTERLIBRARY LOAN (ILL)

ILL items received at WNPL but not picked up by patron \$5.00 per item
ILL fee charged to WNPLD by lending library..... Amount charged by lending library

ARTICLE 11. EXCEPTIONS AND APPEALS

Patrons may appeal charges to their accounts. Circulation staff members are granted authority to waive minor fine amounts within established department practices. Appeals of substantial fines or fees must be directed to the circulation supervisor or designee. Substantial fee waivers granted by the Library will be documented in the patron record. Excessive waiver requests will be referred to the Executive Director for review.
